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THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN ROBERTSON

"Behold the Kinloch Rannoch lounging place,
That bridge of Robertsonian sighs of old,
Whose forfeited estate supplied the gold
Which built it 'mid the groanings of that race."
—*Rev. John Sinclair.*

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WITH A SHORT ACCOUNT OF THE CLAN
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"Three elements enter into the career of a great citizen;
That which ancestry give;
That which opportunity gives;
That which his will develops."
—*Henry Ward Beecher.*

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A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE CLAN DONNACHAIDH (ROBERTSON)

THE CLAN DONNACHAIDH was one of the oldest of Scotland, their territory being on the shores of Loch Rannoch and adjacent thereto in what is now the County of Perth, and in the midst of the Grampian Mountains. From the most reliable authorities, the founder of the Clan, Donnachaidh (the Gaelic for Duncan), was a true lineal descendant of the ancient Earls of Atholl, whose progenitor was King Duncan, eldest son of Malcom II, and the "Gracious Duncan" of Macbeth.

Donnachaidh Remhair, i.e., Duncan the Fat, or Stout, was born about 1275, in the reign of Alexander III, and inherited from his father a portion of the estates of the ancient Earls of Atholl, and was the first Lord of Struan.

In the struggle with Comyn for the crown of Scotland, he espoused the side of Robert Bruce, and was a strong ally of that king. Donnachaidh was present at Bannockburn at the head of his Clansmen, under Bruce, from whom he received much recognition.

Because of his important public service in clearing the Atholl Highlands of the wolves, he received a large grant of lands in the district and an augmentation of his Armarial Bearings in commemoration of this event.

He was twice married and had four sons: Robert, Patrick, (who was the progenitor of the Robertsons of Lude), Thomas, and Gibbon. After a long and

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stormy career, he died at an advanced age about the year 1355, and was buried at Dall in Atholl, where his grave was distinguishable for several hundred years.

From the days of Donnachaidh Remhair until the day of his great grand-son, Robert Ruadh, the Clan name in English was Duncanson. Donnachaidh Remhair was succeeded by his son, Robert, named after Bruce and at his desire.

The great grand-son of Donnachaidh Remhair, Robert, who possessed many of the characteristics of his great grand-father, succeeded as chief of the Clan and became a prominent personage in Scottish History, and from the color of his hair was known as Robert "Ruadh," or "Red."

He was one of the captors of two of the principal assassins of King James I, of Scotland, and in recognition thereof he received an augmentation to his arms: For Crest, a Dexter Arm supporting the crown, with the motto, "Virtutis Gloria Merces," and below, in place of a compartment, a savage, or naked man, lying in chains.

This augmentation was granted by James II, in 1451.

This Robert Donnachaidh died about the year 1460 and was succeeded by his eldest son, Alexander, who being the son of Robert, assumed "Robertson," as his surname and thus the name of the Clan became interchangeable, Donnachaidh or Robertson, by which latter name it is now commonly designated.

The 12th Baron, Alexander, upon his death was succeeded by his elder son, Alexander, who was educated at St. Andrews with the intention of his entering the ministry. He, however, forsook the cloisters of this

seat of learning, and took service for the King under Viscount Dundee. He was out in the "1689," "1715," and "1745," and it is said was the only Clan Chieftain who participated in those three events in Scottish History.

He twice sought refuge in France, had considerable service in the French Army, and was alluded to as Col. Alexander Robertson of the Scotch Brigade. He was the author of a volume of poems and was the last of the direct male line of Donnachaidh Remhair. He never married and died at an advanced age at his house at Carie on the south side of Loch Rannoch, and was buired in the family tomb at Struan, one of the earlier seats of the Chieftains, some 16 miles north of Loch Rannoch.

There have been to this date, twenty chieftains of the Clan, Alasdair Stewart, the present chieftain resides at the "Barracks" at the Western end of Loch Rannoch.

The badge of the Clan is the Bracken or Fern, in Gaelic, "Raineach," whence Rannoch, part of the Robertson Country takes its name.

The Clan has two patterns of tartan, one the dress tartan, and one the hunting tartan.

The earliest seat of the Clan was at Struan, (meaning streams), but later and for many years they resided at Dun Alastair (Mount Alexander), and at Dall.

The burial place of many Clan Chiftains is still well preserved at Dun Alastair House on the North Bank of the Tummel, four miles East of Kinloch-Rannoch.

The sons and daughters of Clan Donnachaidh are to be found throughout the civilized world wherever the English race have set their feet. It has likewise pro-

duced many who have become famous in various departments of the State, in Literature, in Arms, in Art, and Song. Among these we may note the following: Principal William Robertson, Historian; Frederick William Robertson, (Robertson of Brighton), Minister; William E. Gladstone, Henry (Lord) Brougham; Hercules J. Robertson (Lord Benholm); Sir Noel Paton; Carolina, Lady Nairne, Thomas W. Robertson, Playwright, and actor; Agnes Robertson and Madge Robertson, actresses; Patrick Henry, General James Robertson, American Pioneer (Father of Tennessee).*

John Robertson, the ancestor of the family whose history is set forth in this volume, came from this Scottish clan but from which of the several families of the clan, I am unable to learn, and like many of his countrymen he settled in the province of Ulster in Ireland which had long been made up of Scotch settlers.

I have no record of the date of his migration to Ulster but it is most probable that it took place shortly after the uprising of the "1745" as many of the Scotch who were out in that rebellion sought refuge by migration to other countries and a part of the Clan Robertson were out in that uprising. We do know, however, that his son, William Robertson, was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1753. From paucity of information, but little is known of John Robertson's antecedents, but I am reliably informed that he died leaving a surviving widow, and an only son, William Robertson, and whether he had daughters, I have been unable

* Since compilation of the above record there may be mentioned, Field-Marshal, Sir William R. Robertson, and Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson, the great English Actor who is now retired.

to learn, but it is believed that he had not. I have in my possession a silver coat-button, taken from his dress coat, and which has engraved thereon his monogram, "J. R." This coat was kept for a long time as an heir-loom by his grand-son, John Robertson, and it was from a member of the family of this John that I obtained this souvenir.

The son, William, resided on a small farm in the townland of Tivaney, parish of Ardstraw in the western part of County Tyrone, near the confluence of the rivers Derg, and Strule (upper Foyle), and near the towns of Strabane, Castleberg, and Newton Stewart.

Here he continued to reside until the time of his decease, March 5, 1791, and the farm remained in the family until disposed of about the year 1815 by his son, Denny Robertson, grandfather of the writer, when it passed into the possession of a Mr. Love, one of whose descendants is the present owner.

William Robertson died at the early age of thirty-eight years, leaving a widow and seven small children, the oldest being fourteen and the youngest four years of age. His death resulted from violent injuries received while making the arrest of several offenders of the law, and who had been engaged in a fray at a public fair.

William Robertson was married to a Miss Margaret Denny of the same county in which he resided, and of her antecedents but little is known except that her ancestors came from Scotland and most likely from the district of the town of Denny in the County of Sterling, south of the field of Bannockburn. Her family name is one that is common among that race

of people, many of the name having settled in western Pennsylvania, and her name has been carried down to many of her descendants. She had a sister married to a Mr. Leeper whose son, Robert Leeper, died at an advanced age at Ballylane, County Tyrone, where some of his descendants now reside; another sister, Eleanor, married John McConkey of Rylands near Omagh, County Tyrone, and the family is still represented in that community; she also had a sister, Jane; and nephews, Robert and William Denny, who settled in South Carolina almost a century ago.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Congregation of Ardstraw, Tyrone County, and I have seen the certificate of her church membership issued by her pastor, Rev. Clark, dated 1811, at the time of her departure for America, in which he makes mention of her strong religious devotion, and piety, and recommends her to any church membership with which she may wish to unite.

Several of her grand-sons who knew her in ripe old age, speak of her strong character and marked religious nature, and from correspondence of several of her sons, which has come under my observation, she was paid filial devotion and highly venerated.

The Denny family to which she belonged was characterized for large physique and longevity, and they were of red and sandy complexion, a marked characteristic of many of her descendants.

After the death of her husband in 1791 she continued to reside on their little estate in Tivaney, where she brought up her children in the same faith as her own, and they were given such education as her opportunities and circumstances would allow.

The "Plantation" of the Scotch into Ireland instilled into their descendants a spirit of colonization, and this family, like many others of the Scotch-Irish, resolved to emigrate to the United States.

In the year 1811, the mother at the advanced age of sixty-seven years, with two of her sons, James and Alexander, came to America where three of her sons had already settled. She lived with her son James in Westmoreland County, Pa., for a while and afterwards in Allegheny County, and later in 1821, came with three of her sons to Ohio, where they settled in Sandy and Rose Townships, Stark County, which afterwards became a part of Carroll County. Here she died in the year 1837, having survived all her children but one, James, with whom she lived at the time of her decease. She was buried in the cemetery at Waynesburg, O., where three of her sons are also buried. Her grave is marked by a plain marble slab bearing the inscription, "Margaret Robertson, relict of the deceased William Robertson, died Sept. 22, 1837, aged 93 years."

To William and Margaret (Denny) Robertson, were born seven sons, and a daughter who died in infancy. Their names were: Mathew, John, Robert, James, Denny (a twin of the daughter), Alexander and David, names which alone reveal their ancestry.

OUTLINE OF THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN ROBERTSON TO THE YEAR 1893

1[1]. JOHN ROBERTSON, b. Scotland, d. County Tyrone, Ireland.

1[2]. William Robertson, b. Ireland, 1753, d. March 5, 1791, age, 38; married Margaret Denny of Ireland, d. Sept. 22, 1837, age, 93; buried at Waynesburg, O.

1[3]. Mathew Robertson, b. Ireland, Jan. 16, 1777, d. Halifax, N. S., 1815; married Rebecca Anderson, Ireland.

1[4]. Margaret, b. Ireland; married Andrew Johnson.

2[4]. William, b. Ireland, 1800; d. 1892; married Anna McFetridge, O.

1[5]. Elizabeth, b. 1826; d. 1826.

2[5]. Levinia, b. 1828; d. 1829.

3[5]. Louisa, b. 1829; married, J. M. Layton.

4[5]. Anna Elizabeth, b. 1831; married, Wm. Frazier.

5[5]. John Lloyd, b. 1833; married Bella Cochran.

1[6]. Anna Frances, b. 1589.

2[6]. Bella Moore, b. 1862.

3[6]. Clara Amelia, b. 1862.

4[6]. William James, b. 1867; d. 1870.

5[6]. John, b. 1872; d. 1872.

6[5]. Rebecca Anderson, b. 1835.

7[5]. James Lovejoy, b. 1837; married Margaret E. White.

1[6]. John Johnston.

2[6]. Robert.

3[6]. James Lovejoy, Jr.

4[6]. Annie.

5[6]. Hugh.

6[6]. Margaret.

8[5]. Mary Jane, b. 1840; married James Blair.

9[5]. William Mathew, b. 1840; d. 1865.

10[5]. Amelia, b. 1843; married Chas. H. Spaulding.

11[5]. George Archibald, b. 1843; d. 1893; married Virginia Glenn.

1[6]. Elizabeth, b. 1884.

12[5]. Hugh Sterling, b. 1846; married Eva Brockenshier.

3[4]. Archibald, b. Ireland, 1805; d. 1871; married Anna Ray Baker.

1[5]. Mathew, b. 1829; d. 1873; married Elizabeth Downey.

1[6]. Daniel Sourbeck, b. 1854; married Amelia Genter, 1st wife.

1[7]. Fern A., b. 1883.; Rebecca Shea, 2nd wife.

2[7]. Elizabeth, b. 1887.

2[5]. John B., b. 1834.

3[5]. Rebecca, married John M. Perkins, d. 1890.

4[5]. Amelia, married Dr. W. H. Grim.

5[5]. James P., b. 1840; d. 1875. Lieut. Com- U. S. N.

6[5]. William, b. 1844; married Harriett W. Wendt.

1[6]. Ann M.

2[6]. Margaret E.

3[6]. George F.

4[6]. James Lovejoy.

4[4]. Mary Ann, d. St. Johns, N. B.

5[4]. Rebecca, d. Halifax, N. S.

6[4]. James, b. Ireland; married Eliza McFetridge.

1[5]. Lavinia, b. 1830; married Andrew Elliott.

2[5]. William, b. 1832; d. 1854.

3[5]. Mary, b. 1833; d. 1879; married Wm. Adams.

4[5]. James, b. 1835; d. 1868.

5[5]. Elizabeth, b. 1837; d. 1881.

6[5]. Anna J., b. 1839.

7[5]. Rebecca, b. 1841; married R. D. Boyd.

8[5]. John, b. 1843; married Jane Metzler.

1[6]. Mary, b. 1875.

9[5]. Amanda, b. 1845; married Jas. H. Boyd.

10[5]. Milo, b. 1850; d. 1851.

11[5]. Joseph R., b. 1847; married Lizzie Boyd.

1[6]. Eliza, b. 1882.

2[6]. William, b. 1883.

12[5]. Louisa, b. 1853; married S. A. Boyd.

13[5]. Louis K., b. 1855; married Maggie Boyd.

1[6]. Jesse, b. 1881.

2[6]. Clara, b. 1890.

7⁴. Jane, married Hugh Sterling.
8⁴. Rebecca, b. N. S.,; married Thomas L. Shaw; d. Iowa.

2³. John Robertson, b. Ireland, 1778; d. 1836; married Rebecca Leitch, Ireland; 2nd, Elizabeth Love.
1⁴. William, b. Ireland, 1804; d. 1854; married Sarah Smith.
1⁵. John, b. 1830; d. 1856; married Sophia Elsey.
1⁶. Sophia, d. in infancy, 1855.
2⁵. George M., b. 1833; married Jane Gilbert.
1⁶. Sarah E.
2⁶. William G.
3⁶. Lewis.
4⁶. Frank.
5⁶. Albert C.
6⁶. Roscoe H.
3⁵. William Alexander, b. 1835; d. 1862.
4⁵. James S., b. 1837; d. 1838.
5⁵. Mary Ellen, b. 1839; d. 1840.
6⁵. Frank, b. 1841; married Viola Martin.
1⁶. Samuel C.
2⁶. John B.
3⁶. William Edward.
4⁶. A. Mabel.
5⁶. Justin Morril.
6⁶. Elizabeth J.
7⁶. George Ernest.
8⁶. Laura B.
9⁶. Frank E.
10⁶. R. Earl.
7⁵. Andrew, b. 1845; d. 1865.
2⁴. Eleanor, b. 1806; d. Iowa; married Andrew Barnes.
3⁴. Samuel, b. 1808; married Mary J. Semple.
1⁵. John D., died in infancy.
2⁵. Johnson, died in infancy.
3⁵. Semple, b. 1840; married Ida Whitacre.
1⁶. Elson Whitacre.
2⁶. Solon P.
3⁶. Thomas Hugh.
4⁵. Jane, b. 1843; married Reuben Redman.

5^5. Anna Eliza, b. 1845; d. 1854.
6^5. Johnson, 2nd., b. 1846.
7^5. Robert Denny, b. 1851; married May J. Thompson.
1^6. Mary Edna.
2^6. Rozilla.
3^6. Lucretia Garfield.
4^6. James Clyde.
5^6. William Lawrence.
8^5. Ella, b. 1856; married Hamilton Barnes.
4^4. Elizabeth, b. 1810; married John Blythe.
5^4. Alexander, b. 1812; married Mary Arbuckle.
1^5. Martha J., d. in infancy.
2^5. John Leitch, b. 1839; married Mary J. McSperrin.
1^6. Olive E., b. 1861.
2^6. William Alexander, b. 1863; d. 18—.
3^6. Lillie, b. 1865.
4^6. Nancy E., b. 1867.
5^6. James Harvey, b. 1870.
6^6. May, b. 1872.
7^6. Myrtle E., b. 1874.
8^6. Thomas Herbert, b. 1877.
9^6. J. Dwight, b. 1879.
10^6. Lena Verne, b. 1882.
11^6. Roy McSperrin, b. 1885.
3^5. Rebecca J. b.—; married Emanuel Finefrock.
4^5. James A., b.—; d. Ft. Hayes, Kan. —.
5^5. William B., b.—; married Margaret Rhodes.
1^6. Grace.
6^5. Rev. Thos. Alexander, b—; married Laura Milligan.
1^6. Helen.
2^6. Loren.
3^6. Forrest.
7^5. Ellen, b.—; married Corwin Firestone.
8^5. George, b.—; married Aurilla Leggett.
1^6. Alexander.
2^6. Laura.
3^6. Harry.

9^5. Martin, b.—; married Edna Teeple.
1^6. Walter.
2^6. Gertrude.
3^6. Mary.
10^5. Elizabeth, b.—; married David Farber.
6^4. Margaret, b. 1814; married Frame Laughlin.
7^4. John Denny, b. 1815; married Eliza Carson.
1^5. William Henry, b. 1842; d. 1875; married Margaret Pressley.
1^6. Gertrude, married E. C. Carris.
2^5. Samuel, b. 1843; died in infancy.
3^5. Dr. James C., b. 1845; married Helen Houck.
1^6. Andrew Alexander, b. 1878.
2^6. Ralph Denny, b. 1885.
4^5. Samuel Andrew, b. 1848; d. 1879; married Minerva Pressley.
5^5. John Denny, b. 1850; married Amanda Bookwalter.
1^6. Minnie.
2^6. Grace Eliza.
3^6. James Warren.
4^6. Lillie.
6^5. George F., b. 1852.
7^5. Dewitt Clinton, b. 1854; married Margaret Reighard.
1^6. Robert Roscoe.
2^6. Nellie E.
3^6. Olive G.
4^6. Helen.
8^4. Rebecca, b. 1818; married George Arbuckle.
9^4. Nancy, b.—; d.— (child of 2nd marriage).
10^4. Robert, b. 1828; married Elizabeth Reed.
1^5. John, b. 1855; married Lodema Sweitzer.
1^6. Bertha.
2^5. Elwood, b. 1856; married Carrie Bowers.
1^6. Ross, b. 1889.
3^5. Alcena, b.—; married Edward Hazen.
4^5. Robert Thompson, b. 1860; d. 1879.

3^3. Robert Robertson, b. Ireland, 1779; d. (unknown).

4^3. James Robertson, b. Ireland, 1781; d. 1855; married Jane Nelson.
1^4. Usher, b. 1829; married Robert B. Hamilton.

2^4. William Denny, b. 1831; married Alice Rogers.
- 1^5. James Nelson, b. 1867.
- 2^5. John McClure, b. 1868.
- 3^5. Edwin B., b. 1869.
- 4^5. William Harvey, b. 1871; d. in infancy.
- 5^5. Cora M., b. 1874.
- 6^5. W. Emmet, b. 1877.
- 7^5. Ella V., b. 1879.
- 8^5. Jennie B., b. 1879; d. in infancy.

3^4. Sarah Ann, b. 1832; married Josiah Guiney.

5^3. Denny Robertson, b. Ireland, 1784; d. 1829; married Eleanor McConkey, Ireland.
- 1^4. John, b. 1816; d. 1880; married Isabelle Chapman.
- 2^4. William Alexander, b. 1818; married Isabella McIntyre.
- 3^4. Margaret, b. 1820; married Richard Blythe.
- 4^4. Robert, b. 1821; d. 1847.
- 5^4. James, b. 1821; married Margaret Sickafoose.
  - 1^5. Laura Virginia, b. 1849; married Jacob Buchman.
  - 2^5. Margaret Eleanor, b. 1851; married John A. McBeth.
  - 3^5. Denny S., b. 1855.
  - 4^5. George, b. 1858; d. in infancy.
  - 5^5. William Alexander, b. 1859; d. 1861.
  - 6^5. James Harvey, b. 1862; married Gertrude Shaffer.
  - 7^5. Andrew, b. 1864.
  - 8^5. Mary Olive, b. 1868.
  - 9^5. Carrie Belle, b. 1873.
- 6^4. David, b. 1824; married Caroline Reed.
- 7^4. Eliza Jane, b. 1826.
- 8^4. Eleanor, b. 1829; d. in infancy, 1829.

6^3. Alexander Robertson, b. 1785, Ireland; d. 1811, Penn.

7^3. David Robertson, b. 1787, Ireland; d. 182—; married Elizabeth Pointer, Virginia.
- 1^4. Margaret Ann, married Turner Richardson.
- 2^4. Harriet E., married Geo. W. West.

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MATHEW ROBERTSON, the oldest son of William and Margaret (Denny) Robertson, was born in Ireland January 16, 1777, and was but fourteen years of age at the time of his father's death. With the rest of his brothers he was engaged at hard labor to support their widowed mother. Shortly after attaining his majority he married a Miss Rebecca Anderson also a native of Ireland, and together they began their career of wedded life.

In the year 1812, having then a young family of children growing up and desiring that they should be given good opportunities for their advancement in life, Mathew and Rebecca Robertson resolved to emigrate to America where five of his brothers had already gone. Accordingly in the early part of the spring of 1812 they bid a last adieu to their native land and with their little family, except the oldest daughter Margaret who had accompanied her grand-mother and two uncles the year before to America, they set sail for the United States. If they were reluctant to leave their native country because of their ties of friendship and kindred, they still had pleasing hopes and high aspirations for the future before them in the new country where they expected to settle. That Mathew Robertson, like many other emigrants looked forward to the day when he could be one of the free and independent citizens of a great republic is not to be doubted; but, his pleasing hopes, his fond desires were never to be realized.

The war of 1812 was now on and the British claiming the right of search, were scouring the "high seas" for British deserters and impressing seamen into the British service.

The vessel that carried Mathew Robertson was destined for Philadelphia, but was overtaken on the "high seas" and her crew captured and taken first to St. Johns, Newfoundland, and later to Halifax, Nova Scotia, the rendezvous of the British-American squadron.

Here they were kept for three years, and here in November, 1815, after a short illness which confined him to his bed for only six days, Mathew Robertson died and was buried in a land among strangers and without ever reaching the United States. One of his children died here in infancy and here the father and child many hundred miles from kindred and friends peacefully sleep.

> "No farther seek his merits to disclose,
> Or draw his frailties from their dread abode
> (There they alike in trembling hope repose),
> The bosom of his Father, and his God."

After the death of the father, his widow and children, except the oldest son William who had gone to the States in the previous May, were permitted to leave for the United States where they arrived in the month of December, 1815, coming by way of New York and Philadelphia to McKeesport, Pa. Mathew and Rebecca (Anderson) Robertson had born to them the following children: Margaret, William, Archibald, James, Jane, Mary Ann, Rebecca and Rebecca No. 2. Rebecca Rob-

ertson and her family lived for a while near McKeesport and in and about Pittsburg. She married again to Colonel Shaw of Pittsburg, and died in that city.*

Margaret Robertson, the oldest child of Mathew and Rebecca Robertson, was born in Ireland. She came to America with her uncles, James and Alexander Robertson and her grand-mother in 1811, the year before her father and the rest of the family set sail for the United States. She married Andrew Johnson of Pittsburg and died some years ago at Rock Island, Ill., aged 90 years. A son of hers, William Johnson, lives in California, and was sometime a member of the California State Senate.

William Robertson was born in Ireland in 1800. He was twelve years of age when his parents set sail for America, and with the family was taken to St. Johns and later to Halifax, N. S. In May, 1815, he came from Halifax to McKeesport, Pa., to his uncles. After residing here for some time he learned the trade of chair making and went to Steubenville, Ohio, where he carried on that business, employing a number of men in his factory. He afterwards on account of failing health gave up that business and about 1830 went into the mercantile pursuits, which he followed until some years before his death.

In religion he was a firm believer in the doctrines of the United Presbyterian church to which he belonged.

* I am in possession of a letter of date December 28 1812, written from St. Johns by one James Brown, who was a passenger on the ship with Mathew Robertson, to his friend Robert Love of Ardstraw Bridge, Tyrone County, Ireland, in which he speaks of their being "unable to get to America and having no prospects of getting there, or could get no letters from there and were not allowed to speak favorable of that country." One Alexander Erwin of Burt, Ireland, was also a passenger and afterwards came to Pennsylvania.

and in politics was at first a whig of the anti-slavery type, and a pronounced republican on the organization of that party. He was an admirer and intimate friend of Edwin M. Stanton. After the death of his wife in 1878, he resided with his children and died at the home of his son, John L. Robertson of Etna, Pa., 1892, aged 92 years.

Mr. Robertson was married in 1825 at Steubenville, Ohio, to Anna McFetridge, and to them were born twelve children: Elizabeth and Levina both died in infancy, Louisa, Anna Elizabeth, John Loyd, Rebecca Anderson, James Lovejoy, Mary Jane, William Mathew, Amelia and George Archibald (twins), and Hugh Sterling.

Louisa Robertson, born 1829 at Steubenville, married J. M. Layton, is now a widow and lives with her son, William Layton, at Steubenville, Ohio.

Anna E. Robertson, born 1831, married William Frazier and lives with her husband and children at Beaver Falls, Pa.

John L. Robertson, born at Steubenville, Ohio, 1833 and resides at Etna, Pa., as a merchant and member of the Council. He was married in Steubenville, Ohio, 1857 to Bella Cochran. They have the following children: Anna Frances, born 1859; Bella Moore, born 1861: Clara Amelia, born 1862; William James, born 1867, died 1870; and John, who died in infancy.

Rebecca A. Robertson, born 1835 at Steubenville, Ohio, and resides at East Liverpool, Ohio.

Rev. James Lovejoy Robertson was born at Steubenville, Ohio, September 5, 1837, and by his father was given the name Lovejoy, after the Rev. Elijah P. Love-

joy, a noted Presbyterian minister and abolitionist, killed by a mob in 1837, at Alton, Ill., because of his attacks through the press and pulpit on the institution of slavery.

Lovejoy Robertson was educated for the ministry, graduating from Geneva College, Ohio, in 1855 and then entered the United Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Allegheny City, Pa., completing his course in 1859. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Steubenville, Ohio, June 9, 1857, ordained and installed pastor of the U. P. church of Geneva, N. Y., July 12, 1859, became pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Cincinnati, Ohio, June 2, 1867.

In October, 1870, he became pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Rochester, N. Y., and in October, 1877, was called to the pastorate of Euclid Avenue Presbyterian church, Cleveland, Ohio. He is at present the pastor of the Presbyterian church of Cortland, N. Y., which pastorate he has filled for about thirteen years.

He is an able and eloquent preacher and was married in 1867 in the city of Geneva, N. Y., to Margaret E. White of that city. To them have been born the following children: John Johnston, residing at Emporia, Kan., Robert, James Lovejoy, Jr., Anna, Hugh, Margaret, and one child that died in infancy.

Mary J. Robertson, born 1840 at Steubenville, married to James Blair and lives with her husband and children at Columbus, Ohio.

William Mathew Robertson was born 1841 at Steubenville, Ohio. He entered Jefferson (now Washington and Jefferson) College, Pennsylvania, from which

he graduated in the class of 1862 and shortly afterwards was appointed a clerk in the Quartermaster General's Office in the United States War Department at Washington. While on his way home to vote in the year 1865 he was stricken down with disease from which he died. He was unmarried and but twenty-four years of age at his death.

Amelia Robertson, born at Steubenville, Ohio, 1843, married to Judge Charles H. Spaulding, lives at Brilliant, Ohio.

George Archibald Robertson was born 1843 at the family homestead, Steubenville. He was a clerk during the war in the United States War Department at Washington, and later was a clerk in a railroad office in Pittsburg. He died at Pittsburg, Pa., 1893, leaving one child, Bessie Robertson, and a widow to whom he was married in Pittsburg; her maiden name being Virginia Glenn.

Hugh Sterling Robertson, born 1846, was the youngest of the family of William and Anna Robertson. He was married in 1882 to a Miss Eva Brockenshier of Cleveland, Ohio, and they reside at Steubenville, where Mr. Robertson is engaged in the mercantile business. They have no children.

Archibald Robertson was born in Ireland, 1805, and was with his father and family at Halifax. After the death of his father in November, 1815, he with the other members of the family and his mother came to McKeesport, Pa.

He worked for a number of years in and about Pittsburg. He afterwards located at Brighton, now Beaver Falls, Pa., in Beaver County, where he owned and

operated paper mills. Mr. Robertson was a man of fine physique and prepossessing appearance. He kept himself well posted on the events of the day and took quite an active part in politics. For a number of years he served as U. S. Revenue Collector for his district, and in 1851 was elected by the whig party to represent his district in the Pennsylvania State Senate, which office he held for two years.

He became a republican on the organization of that party. He died at Brighton, now Beaver Falls, Pa., June 19, 1871.

Archibald Robertson was married to Anna Ray Baker and to them were born six children as follows: Mathew, John B., Rebecca, Amelia, James P., and William.

Mathew Robertson, the oldest son of Archibald and Anna Robertson, was born 1829 in Pennsylvania and was named after his grandfather, Mathew Robertson. On his becoming of age he associated himself with his father in the paper manufacturing business at Beaver Falls, Pa., for some year, and later went into the hotel business in connection with the P. Ft. W. & C. R. R. at Alliance, Ohio, where he died December 1873, aged 44 years. He was married in 1852 to Elizabeth Downey and they had one child born to them, Daniel S.

Daniel S. Robertson, born April 5, 1854, at Beaver Falls, Pa., was the only child of Mathew Robertson. By occupation he is an hotel man. He has been twice married, his first wife being Amelia Genter of Alliance, Ohio, by which marriage was born one child, Fern A., born 1883. After the death of his first wife he again married; his second wife being Rebecca Shea

of Beaver Falls, Pa., and they have one child, Elizabeth Robertson, born 1887. Daniel S. with his wife and two children resides at Columbus, Ohio.

John B. Robertson, born September 18, 1834, was the second son of Archibald and Anna R. Robertson. He has never been married, and resides at Stockton, Utah, and is a mine owner and devotes his attention to that industry.

Rebecca Robertson, the oldest daughter of Archie and Anna R. Robertson, married in 1863 to John M. Perkins, and died June 1890.

Her husband, two daughters and son, Archie Robertson Perkins, reside at Poland, N. Y.

Amelia Robertson, born at Beaver Falls, Pa., was married in 1873 to Dr. W. H. Grim. They reside at Beaver Falls, Pa.

James P. Robertson, born at Beaver Falls, Pa., December 1840, and died unmarried July 19, 1875 in the 35th year of his age. He entered the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis in his 17th year, September 25, 1857, and immediately on completion of his education there, was ordered into active service in May 1861. He received his first baptism of fire on board the "Wabash," Admiral Du Pont's flag ship at the battle of Port Royal, November 7, 1861, in the capture of Forts Walker and Beauregard. August 1, 1862, he was commissioned by President Lincoln, Lieutenant United States Navy and served throughout the Civil War on the North Atlantic Blockading Squadron as executive officer of the United States Steamship "Keystone State." In 1864 he commanded the United States

Steamship "Monticello" and in 1866 was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander United States Navy.

William Robertson, born September 25, 1844, is the youngest child of Archibald and Anna R. Robertson. He resides at Bellevue, Pa., and is the secretary and treasurer of the Baker Chain and Wagon Iron manufacturing industry of that city. He was married in 1868 to Harriet W. Wendt, and to them have been born four children, two sons and two daughters: Ann M., born 1876; Margaret G., born 1880; George F., born 1883; and James Lovejoy Robertson, born 1889.

James Robertson was born in Ireland, 1808, and with his parents and the rest of the family was taken to St. Johns, Newfoundland, by the English. He was then but four years of age. His earliest recollection was the military demonstration at Halifax, N. S., attending the burial of Capt. James Lawrence by the British. The reader will remember that the brave Lawrence fell in Boston Harbor in the action between the American frigate Chesapeake, which he commanded, and the British frigate Shannon, commanded by Capt. Brocke of the British Navy.

This action took place in the month of June, 1813, and the Chesapeake and her crew were taken into the harbor of Halifax by the victors. It was just after receiving a mortal wound that Capt. Lawrence uttered those words that have ever since been an inspiration to American seamen, "*Don't give up the ship!*"

Mr. Robertson still remembers seeing the body of Lawrence which was brought to Halifax in a rum hogshead. The remains were afterwards disinterred

and taken to New York. He still remembers of his coming overland from Philadelphia to McKeesport, Pa., to his uncles.

After the second marriage of his mother he lived for a short time at New Brigton, now Beaver Falls., Pa., then came to Ohio and lived with his uncle, Denny Robertson, until shortly before the latter's death and then went to Steubenville, Ohio, where he worked with his brother William and learned the trade of chair making. He came to Coshocton County, Ohio, in 1830, where he engaged in farming and worked some at his trade. In 1859 he moved to the town of Coshocton where he conducted an hotel for seven years and then returned to his farm near Coshocton where he still resides. He was married in Steubenville, Ohio, 1829 to Eliza McFetridge and to them have been born thirteen children, eight of whom are still living: Lavina, William, Mary, James, Elizabeth, Anna J., John J., Amanda, Joseph R., Milo, Louisa and Louis K.

Lavina Robertson, born January 8, 1830, married Andrew Elliott and lives at Coshocton, Ohio.

William Robertson, born January 31, 1832, followed farming and died March 10, 1854, aged 22 years.

Mary Robertson, born July 29, 1833, married William Adams, died August 1879.

James Robertson, born 1835, was a farmer by occupation and died unmarried October 18, 1868.

Elizabeth Robertson was born 1837 and died 1881.

Anna J., born 1839, resides with her parents near Coshocton, Ohio.

Rebecca Robertson, born 1841; married R. D. Boyd and lives at Ashland, Virginia.

John J. Robertson, born 1843. He enlisted in the 143 Reg., Co. H. O. V. I., and served in the army of the Potomac and was mustered out of service 1864. He is a house painter by trade and resides at Wooster, Ohio. His wife before marriage was Jane Metzler, and to them have been born one child, Mary Robertson, born 1875, who is at home with them in Wooster.

Amanda Robertson, born 1845, married James H. Boyd in 1869. They live at Keene, Ohio.

Joseph R. Robertson was born 1847 at Coshocton, Ohio, where he still resides and is engaged in manufacturing advertising novelties. When scarcely eighteen years of age he enlisted February 26, 1864, in Co. I. 51 O. V. I., and was in Sherman's army in the Atlanta campaign, and took part in the battles of Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, and other engagements about Atlanta, and engaged in the battle of Nashville, Tenn.

He was mustered out of service October 3, 1865. In 1881 he married Elizabeth Boyd and to them have been born two children: Elizabeth Robertson, born 1882, and William Robertson, born 1883.

Milo Robertson, born 1850, died 1851.

Louisa Robertson, born 1853, married S. A. Boyd and resides at Neligh, Neb.

Louis K. Robertson, born March 31, 1855, and worked on his father's farm until he became of age. He is engaged in the advertising business in Coshocton, Ohio, where he resides. He was married to Maggie Boyd and they have two children: Jesse Robertson, born 1881, August 26, and Clara Robertson, born July 4, 1890.

Jane Robertson, born in Ireland about 1810, was the youngest of her father's family when they left Ireland for America. She with the rest of the family spent three years at St. Johns and Halifax before coming to Pennsylvania. She left two children, Joseph and Martha Sterling.

Mary Ann Robertson, born 1812 and died at St. Johns, Newfoundland, during infancy.

Rebecca Robertson, born at Halifax, and died there in infancy.

Rebecca Robertson, the second of that name in the family was born at Halifax, N. S., June 1815. With the rest of the family she came to Pennsylvania in 1815 after the death of her father.

She was married to Thomas L. Shaw, and they afterwards located near Monroe, Jasper County, Iowa, where she died in 1893.

She left four children, two sons, Hamilton and Samuel Shaw, and two daughters, Martha and Margaret, all of whom live near Monroe.

II

JOHN ROBERTSON was the son of William and Margaret Robertson and was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, Feb. 8, 1778, and named after his paternal grand-father. His boyhood days were spent mostly at his grand-mother's where he resided. He was given a fair education, and was possessed of much natural ability.

For a young and active man the United States offered many opportunities and attractions, and when in his 18th or 19th year John Robertson resolved to emigrate to the U. S. He landed in Bucks County, Pa., sometime about the year 1796, being the first of the family to settle in America; and after several years residence here, during which time he worked along the Delaware River, he returned to his old home in Ireland, attracted there no doubt by one of the fair daughters of "Erin," for shortly after his arrival home we find him married to a Miss Rebecca Leitch whose family resided in that community. After two years stay in Ireland, in which time his oldest son, William, was born, he again in 1805, started with his family for America and landed in the western part of Pennsylvania. He resided in Washington, Westmoreland and Allegheny Counties until his coming to Ohio about 1821, when he located in what is now Rose township, Carroll County, about two miles south of the town of Waynesburg.

Here he resided as a farmer, until the time of his death July 10, 1836 at the age of 58 years, and he was buried at Waynesburg by the side of his wife who died some years before him.

In his religion he embraced the faith of his ancestors, that of Presbyterian; and in politics he belonged to the whig party but was by no means a bitter partisan. Although a whig and a resident of a township that was overwhelmingly democratic, he served for a long term of years as Justice of the Peace of his township.

John Robertson was twice married, his first wife who died a number of years before him being Rebecca Lietch, and a few years after her death he married a lady from the same place in Ireland from whence he came, Elizabeth Love.

Of this first marriage there were eight children born to John Robertson: William, Eleanor, Samuel, Elizabeth, Alexander, Margaret, John Denny, and Rebecca; and of his second marriage two, Nancy and Robert.

William Robertson the oldest of the family of John and Rebecca (Lietch) Robertson was born in Ireland in the year 1804 and came with his parents to Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and afterwards to Westmoreland County, that State. He later came to Ohio, and worked on his father's farm in Carroll County.

He married in the year 1828, Miss Sarah Smith of Wellsburg, West Virginia, a lady of fine intellectual attainments. Her father was a native of Ireland and at one time lived in Kentucky on the Taylor farm belonging to the father of Gen. Z. Taylor. A brother of hers, John Smith, was one of the founders of the town of Magnolia, Ohio, and later emigrated to Iowa, where he was a member of the Iowa Legislature. In the year 1846, William Robertson and his family emigrated from Ohio to Iowa and settled in what is now Mahaska County, about seven or eight miles west of the town of

Oskaloosa and was engaged in farming until the time of his death which occurred in 1854. His widow continued to reside in that neighborhood with her children, until her death in the year 1888 at the age of 85 years. William and Sarah (Smith) Robertson were the parents of seven children: John, George M., William Alex., James S. born 1837, died 1838, and Mary Ellen born 1839, died 1840, both of whom were buried at Waynesburg, Ohio, Frank and Andrew.

John Robertson born in Carroll County, Ohio, 1830, and removed to Iowa with his father in 1846.

He was married to Sophia Elsey of Oskaloosa. The wife and infant daughter Sophia Robertson died in 1855 and the following year, September 12, 1856, the husband and father also died.

George M. Robertson was the second son of the family and was born in Carroll County, Ohio, 1833, and with the rest of his father's family moved to Iowa. At the breaking out of the Rebellion he was in the state of Tennessee, and enlisted in the Union Army and served three years in the 5th Tennessee Cavalry. After the termination of the war he went to Iowa to reside and was afterwards married to Jennie G. Gilbert of Ohio. He is a farmer by occupation and has been engaged some in the lumber business. He and his wife reside near the place where his father settled in coming to Iowa. They have had the following children born to them: Sarah E., William G., Lewis and Frank, deceased, Albert C., and Roscoe H.

William Alexander Robertson, born in Ohio 1835, enlisted in 1862 in the 33rd Iowa Infantry and died the following year unmarried, being 28 years of age.

Frank Robertson was born at Carroll County, Ohio, 1841 and was five years of age at the time his parents emigrated to Iowa. He was brought up on the farm and was in the "Civil War," serving three years in the 18th Iowa Infantry. After the war he engaged in farming in Mahaska County, until after the death of his mother when he and his family moved to Mountain Grove, Wright County, Missouri, where he follows farming. Mr. Robertson was married to Miss Viola Martin of Mahaska County, Iowa, and they have the following children: Samuel C. born 1869, John B. born 1871, William Edward born 1873, A. Mabel born 1876, Justin M. born 1878, died 1892, Bessie J. born 1880, died 1892, George Ernest born 1882, Laura B. born 1885, Frank F. born 1889, and R. Earl 1892.

Andrew Robertson the youngest of the family was born at Carroll County, Ohio, 1845, and was consequently but one year old when his father's family moved to Iowa. In the summer of 1865 while in bathing with some companions in a small creek near his mother's home he was accidentally drowned, being then but 20 years of age.

Eleanor Robertson born 1806 in Pennsylvania was the oldest daughter of John and Rebecca (Lietch) Robertson. She was married to Andrew Barnes in Ohio where they resided near Waynesburg until some time in the fifties when they emigrated to Iowa and settled in Mahaska County, west of the town of Oskaloosa and near where William Robertson, Mrs. Barnes' brother was living.

Here they resided until their deaths some years ago. Three of their sons are living: George Barnes a well to

do farmer of Mahaska County; John Robertson Barnes, who resides in the City of Oskaloosa, Iowa, where he is engaged in the banking business; and Thomas Barnes a farmer who at present resides in the State of Missouri.

Samuel Robertson, of Leighton, Iowa, was born 1808 at Cannonsburg, Washington County, Pennsylvania, and afterwards came with his father to Ohio.

He married Mary J. Semple of Carroll County, Ohio, in 1836 and they resided near the town of Waynesburg, until about the year 1854 when with their family they emigrated to Iowa, making the distance overland by wagon.

They settled on the open prairie in Mahaska County, and here by industry and perseverance Mr. Robertson has become the possessor of a large farm which is well cultivated and embellished with fine buildings. Mr. Robertson is a man possessed of fine intellectual attainments. He was during his younger days a great reader and kept himself well posted on the leading events of the day. He likewise was fond of literature and delighted in poetry, Burns being a great favorite with him, and when the writer saw him in his seventy-ninth year he was able to quote many stanzas from the works of the "Scottish Plowman."

In politics he was first a whig, and being an uncompromising foe to slavery became an ardent republican on the organization of that party. Political preferment he has never sought, but has always taken an interest in the welfare of his community.

In religion he belongs to the Presbyterian faith, and of which church he and his wife who died March, 1887, were consistent members.

Samuel and Mary J. Robertson had eight children born to them, the two oldest John D., and Johnson, died in Ohio in their infancy, and their fifth child Anna Eliza a little girl of some 9 years of age, died on their way to Iowa from injuries received by accidentally falling from the wagon and was buried at Dayton, Ohio. The names of their children living are: Semple, Jennie, Johnson, Robert Denny and Ella.

Semple Robertson born in Ohio, 1840, resides with his family at Wellington, Sumner County, Kansas. He was brought up on the farm, received a good education and was a teacher for some years. He served his country three years in the Civil War, in the 33rd Iowa Infantry. He married Ida, the daughter of Dr. Thomas and Catharine Whitacre of Leighton, Iowa, but who formerly lived at Magnolia, Ohio, where they were well and favorably known.

Semple and Ida (Whitacre) Robertson are the parents of three children. Their names are: Elson W., Solon P., and Thomas H. Robertson.

Jennie Robertson born at Waynesburg, Ohio, was but 10 years of age when her father's family moved to Iowa. She resides at home on the farm, near Leighton, and is caring for her father in his old age.

Johnson Robertson, the second son of that name in the family, was born at Waynesburg, Ohio, 1846, and was brought up on his father's farm.

He resides with his father and has been a great sufferer for many years from chronic rheumatism, which has rendered him wholly unable to perform any manual labor. He has been to the Hot Springs several times to seek his health but so far has been unable to receive permanent relief from the disease.

Robert Denny Robertson who bears the maiden name of his great grandmother, Margaret (Denny) Robertson, was born 1851 at Waynesburg, Ohio, and while yet a mere child his parents moved to Iowa. His life has been spent on the farm and he is at present engaged in agricultural pursuits near Leighton, Iowa. He was married in 1877 to Mary J. Thompson of Olivet, Iowa, whose father Israel Thompson, came to Iowa from near Malvern, Ohio. They have five children: Mary Edna, who died in her 17th year, April 19, 1895; Rozilla, Lucretia Garfield, James Clyde, and William Lawrence.

Ella Robertson, the youngest of the family, was born at Leighton, Iowa, 1856. She taught school for a number of years and married, in 1888, Hamilton Barnes, whose father, Robert Barnes, formerly resided in Ohio near Waynesburg, where he followed his trade, that of chairmaker.

Mr. Barnes and family reside near Olivet, Iowa, on the same farm where his father lived and died.

Elizabeth Robertson, born 1810, married John Blythe and resided in the southern part of Carroll County, Ohio. She died while young, leaving a child Sarah Ellen Blythe, who married a Mr. David Burton. They reside somewhere in the western part of Ohio.

Alexander Robertson born in Pennsylvania 1812, was named after his uncle, Alexander Robertson, who died in the year 1811.

He came to Ohio when but 11 years of age along with his father's family, and spent his early life upon the farm. He resided for a number of years upon his own farm in Carroll County, near Waynesburg, Ohio,

but afterwards sold his farm and took up his residence in the town of Waynesburg, where he resided until some few years after the death of his wife when he took up his residence with his youngest daughter, Elizabeth, some few miles south of that town. He is now in his eighty-fourth year, and is well preserved for one of his age. He belongs to the Methodist church and was a whig in politics, later a republican but is now identified with the prohibition party. His wife before marriage was a Miss Mary Arbuckle, of Stark County, and to them were born ten children, six of whom are still living. Their names are: Martha J., died in infancy, John Leitch, Rebecca J., James A., William B., Alexander Thomas, Ellen, George, Martin and Elizabeth.

John L. Robertson born 1839 was brought up on his father's farm near Waynesburg. He taught school for some time and entered the military service in 1864, serving in Company I., 162 Regiment, O. V. I. He was married in 1861 to Mary J. McSperrin and they now reside at Canton, Ohio. They have a large family of children all of whom are living. Their names are: Olive E., William A., Lillie, married Stackhouse; Nancy E., James Harvey, married 1895 Dora E. Homan; May married Sell, Myrtle, Thomas H., J. Dwight, Lena Verne and Roy McSperrin.

Rebecca J. Robertson married Emanuel Finefrock, a farmer near Waynesburg, and they reside in Carroll County, some few miles from that place. They have raised a large and promising family of children.

James A. Robertson was born near Waynesburg, Ohio, and brought up on the farm. He attended school

at Hiram College, Ohio, and had as one of his preceptors the late president, James A. Garfield.

On the breaking out of the war he enlisted in the 126th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served in the Army of the Potomac.

He received a severe wound in the shoulder at the battle of the Wilderness and was sent home to recover. After the war he went to the State of Kansas, where he was in the employ of the government mails. He died at Fort Hayes, now Hayes City, Kansas.

William B. Robertson was raised on his father's farm near Waynesburg, and was by occupation a telegrapher. He taught school for some time, and served his country's call in the Civil War, in the 26th Ohio Battery. He was married to Margaret Rhodes of Waynesburg, and at his death some years ago, left a daughter, Grace Robertson, who with her mother resides at Canton, Ohio.

Rev. Alex. Thomas Robertson was raised at Waynesburg, Ohio, and was for a time a teacher. Having chosen the profession of the ministry he entered the University of Wooster, Ohio, from which institution he graduated and then took a theological course at Allegheny Theological Seminary. He also took a course of study at a college at Highland, Kansas, and was a teacher in a seminary at San Francisco, California.

At the time of his death, September 1894, he was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Iberia, Ohio. He was buried at Waynesburg. Thomas A. Robertson was married to Laura Milligan whose father Rev. Milligan is well known as a Presbyterian minister of eastern Ohio. Rev. Robertson left three children at his death: Helen, Loren and Forrest.

Ella Robertson married M. C. Firestone and they reside at Canton, Ohio.

George Robertson of Waynesburg, married Aurilla Leggett. They have the following children: Alexander, Laura, Harry.

Martin Robertson of Cleveland, Ohio, married to Edna Teeple and to them have been born the following children: Walter, Gertrude and Mary.

Elizabeth Robertson the youngest of the family married David Farber a farmer near Waynesburg, where they reside.

Margaret Robertson born in Pennsylvania 1814, married David F. Laughlin in Ohio. They afterwards emigrated to Iowa, where Mrs. Laughlin died some years ago.

John Denny Robertson, was born December 25, 1815, in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and came to Ohio with his parents when six years of age. He was raised on his father's farm in Carroll County, south of Waynesburg. On arriving of age he married Eliza Carson a native of Ireland and who has several brothers residing near Minerva, Ohio. Instilled with the spirit of colonization, characteristic of the Scotch-Irish, Mr. Robertson and his wife resolved to locate in the far west and accordingly in 1842 they left their former home in Ohio and started for the west to seek a new home. They went down the Ohio River by boat and then up the Mississippi, landing at the town of Burlington which was then but a small collection of houses and a mere frontier settlement. The State of Iowa had not been organized yet and this region was then a part of the Wisconsin Territory. Landing at Burlington, they

struck across the prairie by wagon and after traveling about forty miles they decided to make a location on a small stream now known as Dutch Creek, now in the south-eastern part of Washington County. Here they themselves erected a log cabin and spent many years of privation and toil. The country at this time was but thinly settled, and they were compelled to fight their battle almost alone. They have resided on this same place for over fifty years, but instead of the wild unbroken prairies which they found on their coming, the country is now highly cultivated and many prosperous families and fine homes are to be found.

A post office named Dublin has been established within a few rods of Mr. Robertson's door.

Mr. Robertson now owns a large and valuable farm and is the father of a large family of children, three of whom are deceased. Their names are: William Henry, Samuel died in infancy, James Carson, Samuel Andrew, John Denny, Jr., George F., and DeWitt Clinton.

William Henry Robertson born March 29, 1842 was brought up on his father's farm in Iowa. He enlisted in his 21st year in Company H, 7th Iowa Infantry, and served three years in the Union Army, being mustered out of the service in May, 1865. He served for a number of years as Justice of the Peace, and died June 11, 1875.

He married, in 1872, Maggie Pressley, and to them was born one child, Gertrude Robertson, who is now married to E. C. Carris.

James C. Robertson of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was born June 6, 1845 and was engaged in farming during his younger days. He taught school for some time and

began the reading of medicine as his chosen profession. He entered the Iowa State Medical College, from which he graduated in 1873, and later entered Bellevue Hospital, N. Y. City, where he took a thorough course in Medicine and Surgery and received highest honors.

He practiced his profession for a number of years at Dublin, Iowa, his old home, and in the fall of 1887 removed to the City of Council Bluffs, where he is now located with offices at 527 Main Street. He is president of the Council Bluffs Medical College, and a member of the faculty, professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics.

The Doctor was married, 1875, to Miss Helen Houck of Washington County and they have two children: Andrew Alexander born 1878, and Ralph Denny Robertson born 1885.

Samuel Andrew Robertson born 1848. Was a druggist by occupation and married to Minerva Pressley in 1872. He died in the State of Kansas and left no children. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. and F. A. M.

John Denny Robertson, Jr., was born at Dublin, Iowa, 1850. By occupation he is a farmer and has held several township offices. He is a member of I. O. O. F. and was married to a Miss Amanda Bookwalter in 1881.

They have four children: Minnie born 1882, Grace Elizabeth born 1883, James Warren born 1885, and Lillie born 1891.

George Franklin Robertson, who remains at home with his parents, was born 1852 in Washington County.

He is engaged in agricultural pursuits; is a member of I. O. O. F. and has held a township office. Died September 16, 1895.

DeWitt Clinton Robertson, born 1854, is the youngest child of John D. and Eliza Robertson. He has followed farming most of his life and is at present engaged in the breeding and raising of horses.

The person whom he married was a Miss Maggie Reighard and they have four children: Robert Roscoe born 1884, Nellie E., Olive G., and Helen.

Rebecca Robertson born in Pennsylvania 1818, married in Ohio to George Arbuckle a horse dealer, and stockman. Mrs. Arbuckle died some years since in the State of Illinois. She had several daughters, and a couple of her sons reside at Paris, Illinois.

Nancy Robertson, the oldest child of John Robertson by his second marriage lived at Waynesburg, where she died some years ago, unmarried.

Robert Robertson was the only son of John Robertson by his second marriage and was born in Carroll County, Ohio, March 9, 1828 and was but eight years of age at the time of his father's death. He was raised on the farm and married, in 1854, Elizabeth Reed of Malvern, Ohio.

Mr. Robertson has followed farming all his life but has recently retired from active farm work, and taken up his residence in the town of Marlboro, Stark County, Ohio. He is identified with the prohibition party, and in religion a firm believer in the doctrines of the Christian Church as taught by Alexander Campbell. Mr. Robertson enjoys the universal respect of all who know him, and is a man whose probity is never doubted. He

is the possessor of a valuable farm which is under a high state of cultivation and improved with fine buildings.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, three of whom are living: John W., Elwood, Alcena, and Robert Thompson Robertson who died in 1879, aged 19 years.

John W. Robertson was born at Waynesburg, Ohio, January 1855, and now resides on a farm near Marlboro. He was married, in 1883, to Lodema Schweitzer and they have one child, Bertha Robertson, born 1885.

Elwood Robertson born at Waynesburg, now resides at Malboro. He has followed farming most all his life. He married in 1888 to Carrie Bowers and they have one child, Ross Robertson born 1889.

Alcena Robertson born at Waynesburg, December 1856, married Edward Hazen at Malboro near which place they now reside.

III

ROBERT Robertson was the third son of William and Margaret (Denny) Robertson, and was born in the County of Tyrone, Ireland, and in the parish of Ardstraw on the 24th day of February, 1779. At what date he emigrated to the United States is not known but it must have been sometime after the second arrival of his brother John in this country, and certain it is that he was here before the coming of his mother and two brothers in 1811. It is most likely that he came sometime about the year 1808, being attracted here by the accounts of this country from his brother John, who had been here some years already. Of his biography we know but little, but he must have possessed at least a fair education for those days, for he was engaged in teaching school in Pennsylvania some distance from his brother. They frequently received communications from each other, but all at once and without any previous intimation, John's letter to Robert were unanswered. He then went to the place where Robert had been engaged in teaching and there learned that he had finished his term of school, had received his pay and nothing further was known of him by anyone. What ever became of him none of his friends, either in this country or Ireland ever knew, but his brothers generally believed that after receiving his money he had been probably robbed and murdered for his money, as the country then in the rural districts was wild and frequented by some rough characters.

He and his brothers were on intimate terms and had a brotherly affection for each other and their failing to

ever receive any account from him would tend to support the theory of his having been foully dealt with.

His brother John made efforts to learn something of him but without any avail, and his brother James, after his arrival here in 1811 made diligent search for him for several years and likewise had him advertised in the newspapers but could never learn anything concerning him.

I am informed by the son of James Robertson, brother of Robert, that while living in Ireland, Robert had expressed at different times his desire to emigrate to Van Diemens Land (now Tasmania Island), and it may have been that after having acquired some means, he carried out his former ambition and went to that far away country, but if such be the case, no word was ever more heard from him.*

* I am in possession of two letters written by James Robertson to his brother Denny Robertson in Ireland, one dated Westmoreland County, Pa., February 2, 1812, the other McKeesport, Pa., January 27, 1816, in which he speaks of "having made diligent search for brother Robert since coming to this country, but can get no account of him."

IV

JAMES ROBERTSON, the fourth son of William and Margaret Robertson, was born January 25, 1781, in Ireland, and was but ten years of age at his father's death. He with the rest of his brothers followed farming and labored hard to support their widowed mother. He served seven years in the "Light Horse" British Cavalry and was always during his life a great lover of horses. In the year 1811, James Robertson together with his brother Alexander and their mother and niece, Margaret Robertson, the oldest child of Mathew Robertson, decided to emigrate to the United States where three of the brothers had already settled. It was a somewhat perilous undertaking as the British were scouring the seas, impressing their subjects into the British service, and their escape from impressment was very narrow. On their entrance into Delaware Bay a British *Man of War* that had been in pursuit of their ship, was sighted not far off. After a short stay in Philadelphia with some friends, they came to Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, where John Robertson resided in North Huntington Township. After residing here some time, James and his mother located in Versailles Township, Allegheny County, about one mile from McKeesport, where they resided until the year 1821 in which year the three brothers James, John and Denny, and the mother, came to Ohio, where they had previously entered government land; James and Denny locating in Brown Township, Stark County, (since annexed to Carroll County), and John in Rose Township, Carroll County. The country at

this time was mostly unbroken forest and like the pioneers of that day they were engaged in clearing up the forests and preparing the soil for the cultivation of the husbandman's crops.

The neighborhood immediately about them was settled mostly by natives of the "Emerald Isle" among whom were the Thompsons, the Hewitts and Loves, whose descendants today are quite numerous in that locality. The three brothers as has been already remarked followed farming in which they were quite successful and in the language of Gray:

"Oft did the harvest to their sickle yield,
Their furrow oft the stubborn glebe has broke:
How jocund did they drive their team afield,
How bowed the woods beneath their sturdy stroke!"

James Robertson when he landed in America was possessed of but little of this world's goods but by rigid economy and good management was at his death the possessor of many hundred acres of land and was quite wealthy.

In religion he was a pronounced Presbyterian, but tolerant of the religious views of others. From much of his correspondence which is still extant and which I have had the pleasure to examine, he is shown to have been a careful, painstaking and far-sighted man. He was married somewhat late in life to a Miss Jane Nelson who was also a native of Ireland. James Robertson was the last survivor of the family of "seven sons" and cared for the mother of the family until her death in 1837.

He died November 14, 1855, aged 74 years, and his remains, together with those of his wife, lie buried

beneath a towering pine in the cemetery at Waynesburg, Ohio. To James and Jane (Nelson) Robertson were born three children: Usher, William Denny, and Sarah Ann, all of whom are still living.

Usher Robertson born near Waynesburg, Ohio, December 3, 1829, was married to Robert B. Hamilton of the same place. His parents were old settlers of Waynesburg, and were engaged in the hotel business. Mr. Hamilton and family live at Waynesburg, except his oldest son James Robertson Hamilton who is a farmer residing in Kansas. They belong to the Presbyterian Church. William Denny Robertson, the only son of James and Jane Robertson was born January 13, 1831, on his father's farm near Waynesburg and where he now resides. He is the possessor of large landed interests of great value. He has held a number of township offices and positions of trust, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Waynesburg. In 1864 he enlisted in Company K., 157 Regiment, O. V. I., and was a sergeant in his company. His company was commanded by Capt. William B. Reed of Malvern, Ohio, and the regiment was commanded by Col. Geo. W. McCook. The regiment was sent to the east and did duty at Baltimore and on the Potomac River. Mr. Robertson is engaged in farming and has always taken an interest in raising good stock but always finds time for reading, and keeps himself posted on the events of the day.

He was married in 1865 to Alice, daughter of John B. and Ellen (Creighton) Rogers, well known in and about Waynesburg. Her grand-father Rogers came

from the north of Ireland, and an uncle, James Rogers, is a Methodist minister well known throughout eastern Ohio.

William D. Robertson is the father of eight children, six of whom are living, two having died in infancy. James Nelson, John McClure, Edwin B., William Harvey (deceased), Cora M., W. Emmet, Ella V. and Jennie B., twins. (Jennie died in infancy).

James N., born April 2, 1867, was raised on his father's farm and now engaged in the hardware business at Waynesburg.

John M., born August 7, 1868, is at home with his parents engaged in farming.

Edwin B., born November 10, 1869, studied telegraphy but is also at home.

Cora M., born January 7, 1874, is also at home. She has attended school at Mt. Union College, Ohio.

W. Emmet, born January 19, 1877, at home.

Ella V., born April 18, 1879, resides with her parents.

Sarah Ann Robertson, the third and youngest child of James and Jane Robertson, was born August 27, 1832, married Josiah Guiney, a Presbyterian minister who died some few years after their marriage. She has since lived at Waynesburg, and has one daughter, Ella Guiney, living, and one daughter Jennie (Guiney) Burson, dead. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

V

DENNY ROBERTSON, given the maiden name of his mother, was born in the parish of Ardstraw, County Tyrone, Ireland, on the 12th day of January, 1784, and was brought up on the family estate where he led the life of a farmer. His intended emigration to America at the same time his mother left Ireland was delayed by reason of the settlement of the family estate, and later prevented by the war between England and the United States. He married, in the year 1815, Eleanor McConkey of Rylands, County Tyrone. Her father, John McConkey was married to Eleanor Denny as before narrated.

She had two sisters, Mary married McFarland, the other, Elizabeth, married Taylor; and four brothers, John a farmer, Robert who died on reaching adult life, James and William.

James was a surgeon in the British navy and was stationed for a long time at Portsmouth, England, on His Majesty's ship "Prince," and later was transferred to the marines. William became an eminent physician and surgeon, and was accidentally killed by being thrown from his horse at night while on his return from a visit to one of his patients. A son of his, Dr. Wm. J. McConkey, resides at Mapleton, Ohio; and a daughter at Melbourne, Australia.

In April, 1816, Denny and Eleanor Robertson took passage for America in His Majesty's ship "Enterprise," at the port of Londonderry and landed in the City of Philadelphia in the month of June.

After a short stay here with friends, they came to Versailles township, Allegheny County, where they resided and followed farming until their coming to Ohio, in 1821.

Denny Robertson took up his residence in Sandy township, Stark County, now in Carroll County, on a farm now in the possession of his son, David Robertson, and by hard work and good management was the possessor of over five hundred acres of land at the time of his death.

The farm on which he resided was patented to him by the government, in 1817, the year following his arrival to the United States. In religion he belonged to to the Presbyterian faith. He died February 14, 1829, only thirteen years after his arrival in America, at the early age of 45 years, and in June of the same year, four months after his death, the wife also died and her death was followed in a short time by that of the infant daughter, Eleanor, born but a few weeks after the father's death. The remainder of the family were all young, the oldest being but thirteen years of age, and they were cared for by their friends.

Denny and Eleanor (McConkey) Robertson were buried at Waynesburg, Ohio, and were the parents of eight children: John, William Alexander, Margaret, Robert and James (twins), David, Eliza Jane, and Eleanor.

John Robertson was born 1816, at Philadelphia, shortly after the arrival of his parents in America. He lived with his parents in Allegheny County, Pa., and came with them to Ohio in 1821. When only about four years of age he was stricken down with the

measles but speedily recovered. Unknown to his mother and uncle, he quietly stole out to the field one day where his Uncle James was working, and while there was caught in a violent rainstorm.

He suffered a relapse of the disease, the effects of which was that he lost his hearing and powers of speech and his tongue was ever after mute. After the death of his parents he was sent by his uncle to the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb at Columbus, Ohio, from which institution he graduated and was for a time a teacher therein. He afterwards worked a short time at Beaver Falls, Pa., in the paper mills of his cousin Archibald Robertson. He married Isabel Chapman and resided at Navarre, Ohio. He had one child that died in infancy. He died in June, 1880, aged 64 years, and is buried at Navarre, Ohio, where his wife has since been buried.

William Alexander Robertson was born 1818, in Allegheny County, Pa., and when only three years old came with his parents to Ohio. He followed farming for a number of years but afterwards sold his farm and took up his residence in Waynesboro where he engaged for a while in the lumber business. "Uncle Billy" by which name he is familiarly known is one of the oldest and most widely known residents of his township. For more than a score of years he was a trustee of his township and for a long time a member of the Union School Board and has held other minor offices.

In politics he is a republican of the firmest kind, but by no means a bitter partisan.

His religion is that of his ancestors for many generations, Presbyterian, and he has for many years been a member of that church at Waynesburg where he lives.

The person whom he married was Isabel McIntyre a native of the same part of Ireland where his parents were raised. She died 1894. They had no children.

Margaret Robertson was born in Allegheny County, Pa., 1820, and came to Ohio with the family, 1821. She married Richard Blythe and they lived near Waynesburg for a long time. They afterwards resided near Mapleton, Ohio. They raised a large family of children all of whom are living except John, the oldest son, who fell in the battle of Murfreesborough, while defending his country's flag. Mrs. Blythe is a widow, her husband having died some twenty years ago and she resides at Waynesburg where her son, Jas. Denny Blythe also lives. One of her daughters, Sarah J., is married to Dr. Wm. J. McConkey, of Mapleton, Ohio, a native of Ireland and son of Dr. Wm. McConkey, a brother of Mrs. Blythe's mother; a daughter Eleanor married to John Thompson resides near Waynesburg; another, Usher Criswell lives at Mapleton; and one Alice Daugherty, at Columbus, Ohio. Laura, married to Dr. Wm. T. Jackman, and the youngest of the family Elizabeth Blythe, resides at Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Blythe is a consistent member of the First Presbyterian Church, of Waynesburg.

James Robertson, of Waynesburg, Ohio, was born at his father's homestead, Sandy Tp., Stark County, (now Brown Tp., Carroll County), September 22,

1821. He was but eight years of age at the death of his parents and was then taken into the family of his uncle "Squire" John Robertson in Carroll County, where much of his youth was spent. When he became old enough to work out he went to live for a few years with a Mr. Andrew Barnes who was a cousin of his by marriage and later lived with his brother-in-law, Richard Blythe, near Waynesburg. About the year 1846, he began farming for himself on land owned by his father's estate in the western part of Sandy Tp., Stark County, and which is now a part of his present estate, and where he resides. This farm he has from time to time increased until he now has an estate of 430 acres.

He is interested in the growing of grain and raising live stock and has always been an admirer of good horses.

In 1864, while his older children were yet small, he enlisted in defense of the union, in Company I, 162 Regiment, O. V. I., and served as wagoner of his Company. His Captain was John May, of Waynesburg, and the regiment was under the command of Colonel Ephrain Ball. This regiment was not engaged in any of the battles of the war, but was assigned to garrison duty at Fort Chase, Columbus, Ohio, and at Covington, Kentucky. James Robertson was married in December, 1847, to Margaret, the youngest daughter of George and Margaret (Wagner) Sickafoose, old settlers of Sandy Tp.

George Sickafoose was a native of Westemoreland County, Pa., where he was raised and was the son of Jacob Sickafoose. A brother of his, Captain John

Sickafoose, came to Ohio, and later emigrated to Whitley County, Indiana, where he raised a large family of sons and where he died.

George Sickafoose served as a soldier under Gen. Wm. Henry Harrison in the "War of 1812" and settled in Sandy Tp., Stark County, Ohio, about the year ——, on a farm still owned by his descendants.

In politics James Robertson was first whig and later a member of the republican party. He is a firm believer in the American system as advocated by Clay and McKinley, and as a statesman and parliamentary leader, Blaine was his ideal. Political preferment he has not sought but has served as trustee of his township.

To James and Margaret Robertson were born eleven children, four of whom died in infancy; their names are: Laura Virginia, Margaret Eleanor, Denny S., George died in infancy, William Alexander died at the age of two years, James Harvey, Andrew, Mary Olive, two twin boys died in infancy, and Carrie Belle.

Laura V. Robertson born at Waynesburg, Ohio, February 2, 1849, and married Jacob Buchman, a farmer in Pike Tp., Stark County. They have one child, James J. Buchman.

Margaret Eleanor Robertson named after both her paternal and maternal grand-mother was born December 2, 1851. She married John A. Macbeth, at Waynesburg, Ohio, and here we see the union of two persons bearing names that have for many centuries appeared in the annals of Scottish history. They reside at Shelby, Nebraska, and have a large family of children.

Denny S. Robertson, born October 6, 1855, spent his early life on the farm, and on attaining his majority began working on and operating steam saw mills which occupation he still follows.

James Harvey Robertson, born at Waynesburg, Ohio, January 23, 1862, was brought up on the farm and received his early education at the district school. On attaining his majority he attended a normal school at East Sparta, Ohio, and began teaching, which occupation he followed for eight years, receiving in the meantime an academic education.

He then entered the office of Harter and Krichbaum, attorneys of Canton, Ohio, as a law student and later entered the Law School of the Cincinnati College, from which he graduated with the degree of L.L.B. in the year 1892 and began practicing law at Canton, Ohio.

In 1896 he was elected Justice of the Peace and served for a term of three years, at the end of which term he was elected Mayor of Canton, on the Republican ticket and re-elected in 1901.

As Mayor of Canton he was selected by the President's Cabinet as chairman of the committee having in charge the funeral of the lamented William McKinley, and he is one of the incorporators of The William McKinley National Memorial Association, and chairman of the board of incorporators.

He was married in 1899 to Gertrude Schaeffer of Canton, Ohio.

Andrew Robertson, born August 24, 1864 on his father's farm in Stark County, is engaged in agricultural pursuits. He takes a special interest in these

pursuits and is also interested in public affairs, and keeps himself posted on matters affecting the public welfare.

Mary O. Robertson was born January 6, 1868, at Waynesburg, and resides with her parents on the farm.

Carrie B. Robertson born on the family estate, February 15, 1873, resides with her family at their home.

Robert Robertson, named after his uncle Robert, was born at the family homestead 22nd September, 1821, and after the death of his parents he went to live with his uncles. He was of strong physique and had great physical powers. He was an expert wrestler and noted for his strength, which was often exhibited at the "Grubbings" and Log Rollings in those days.

In the summer of 1847 he became ill of an abcess which caused his death August 26th of that year, aged 25 years, and was buried in the cemetery at Waynesburg.

David Robertson, named after his uncle, David Robertson, who died in Virginia, was born August 28, 1824, at the old homestead and lived with his relatives after the death of his father and mother, being but five years old at the time of their death. He owns and resides on the farm where he was born and where his father settled, in 1821, when he came to Ohio from Pennsylvania. This farm has belonged to the family now for seventy-five years. He is universally respected by all who know him and is a member of the Lutheran Church of Waynesburg.

In 1858 he married Caroline Reed of Sandy Tp., Stark County, Ohio. Her parents, David and Margaret Reed, were old settlers and came from Pennsylvania to Ohio and settled near Waynesburg.

No children were ever born to David and Caroline Robertson.

Eliza Jane Robertson was born 1826 on the old farm now in Carroll County. She lived with her uncle James for a long time after the death of her father and mother, and afterwards with her brother, William A. Robertson, of Waynesburg.

Robertson Ancestral Home; Townland of Tivaney, Parish of Ardstraw, County Tyrone, Ireland

VI

ALEXANDER Robertson, the sixth son of William Robertson, was born October 14, 1785 at the family homestead in Ardstraw parish, Tyrone County, Ireland. At the time of his father's death he was but five years of age and grew to adult life under the care of his widowed mother. In 1811, with his mother, brother James, and niece, Margaret Robertson, he bid adieu to his childhood home and friends of his youth, and set sail for America, landing at Philadelphia the same year. Their narrow escape from capture by a British war vessel has been referred to in the biography of James Robertson.

After a short stay in Philadelphia they came to Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, where John Robertson then lived. While on shipboard he became ill and the land trip west from Philadelphia aggravated his disease which was thought to be dumb ague. I have been informed that he was of a naturally kind and quiet disposition, and it is not to be wondered that having just left the home of his youth and early companions, he was subject to severe melancholy during his illness. His eldest brother had died at Halifax, never reaching the States. Alexander however spent but few days in the "Land of the Free" for on the morning of October 19, 1811, he became violently ill and died the same day, aged 26 years. An account of his illness and death is reported by his brother, James, to Denny Robertson in a letter written shortly thereafter and which is in the possession of the Wm. D. Robertson family at Waynes-

burg, Ohio. I believe from the account in this letter of the nature of his illness, that he died of typhus fever. He was buried in the Long Run Cemetery, North Huntington Tp., Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

VII

DAVID ROBERTSON, the youngest son of William and Margaret Robertson, was born in the parish of Ardstraw, Tyrone County, Ireland, December 20, 1787, and was but four years of age at the time of his father's death. His youth was spent on the family estate at Tivaney, and he afterwards came to the United States, but at what particular date, I am unable to learn, but probably at the time his brother Robert came, which was shortly after 1804, for he had been here some few years before his mother and two brothers arrived in 1811.

Having come from that part of Ireland which is the seat of the great linen industry, he engaged in the sale of that class of goods in this country, and traveled over a part of Pennsylvania, and a part of Virginia in selling these goods.

In one of his trips, through Gloucester County, he met Elizabeth (Betty) Pointer, who was represented to be a beautiful woman, and was the daughter of a planter and slave holder who possessed some 400 acres of land and 20 slaves. There was much opposition to the marriage on the part of the young woman's family, but the young couple over-came all family opposition and after their marriage the parents were completely reconciled to the match, and David and his wife lived very happily during their brief married life. He resided with his wife's people until his death about the year 1824, leaving a widow, Elizabeth Robertson, and two small children, Margaret Ann and Harriet E. Robertson, and as I am informed, was buried near "Old Bellanne's Church" in Gloucestor County.

Mrs. Robertson lived but a few years after her husband's death, and the two daughters were cared for by an uncle, Seth Pointer, of Gloucestor County.

Margaret Ann was born in March, 1820, and married Turner Richardson of New Kent County, about 1840, and was the mother of six children. A son of hers, David C. Richardson, named for his grandfather, David Robertson, is a prominent lawyer of Richmond, Va., and is at the present time the Commonwealth Attorney, and is a man of prominence in the "Old Dominion."

Harriet E. married George W. West and had one child, Robert Lee West, who is the Superintendent of the Southern Bell Telephone Company at Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. West have long since been dead, and but two of Margaret's children are living.

I have seen two letters written by David Robertson, one of the 24th of April, 1820, to his brother James in which he announces the birth of a daughter on the 5th of March preceding and that he had given her the name Margaret Ann for his mother. He also relates the incidents of his trip from Pennsylvania, where he had been visiting his brothers, back home and which was made on horseback, taking 13 days time. He also speaks of meeting a man, John Toland, of South Carolina, and who was formerly from Newton Stewart, Ireland, and that Toland knew and was acquainted with their cousins, John and Robert Denny who were then living in South Carolina.

His other letter of October 5, 1817, was written to his brother, Denny, and contains an account of his marriage with a brief history of his wife's family and

he speaks of them in the most respectful manner. He also makes mention of his having "just recovered from a spell of sickness" and having met with "various changes of fortune in the Last War." In both letters he makes special reference concerning his mother, and appends a Post Script to her. These letters are in the possession of William Denny Robertson's family at Waynesburg, Ohio.

"Our lives are albums, written through
With good or ill, with false or true;
And as the blessed angels turn
The pages of our years,
God grant they read the good with smiles
And blot the ill with tears."

—*Whittier.*

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